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Inventor(s): Clint D. Kolda

Docket No.: 376.239

Serial No.: 10/679,739

Filed: October 6, 2003

Examiner: Daniel S. Yeagley

Group Art Unit: 3611

Title: *Internal Tightening System For Preventing Relative Movement
Between A Pair Of Interconnected Members*

AMENDMENT

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Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

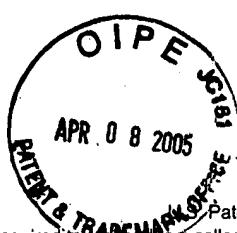
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

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Multiple Dependent Claims	
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36	50
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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20	
Indep. Claims	Fee (\$)
9	Fee Paid (\$)
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